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For: Benzofurans as Suppressors of Neurodegeneration

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003 (Paper No. 21), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks set forth below. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and an authorization to pay the 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(a)(2) fee of \$420.00 accompany this amendment.

**REMARKS**

**I. Disposition of the Claims**

Applicants object to the disposition of the claims as noted in the Office Action Summary and on page 3 of the Office Action, as they do not believe that the Examiner's characterization is correct.

In particular, independent claim 11 is not currently subject to a rejection. It should therefore have been listed as allowable. Since claims 14, 15, 22 and 28 which depend upon claim 11 are listed as allowed, it would make sense for claim 11 to be allowed as well.